

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 23, 30 and 42 are pending in the present application. All of these claims presently stand rejected. By the above amendments, claim 2 has been amended, claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 have been canceled, and new claims 43-45 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Non-elected Claim

The Examiner states that claim 42 was automatically non-elected. Applicants have cancelled claim 42 herein.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5, 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 presently stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,539,619 to Goodall (hereinafter "Goodall"). Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3, 5, 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 herein. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from new claim 44, which is based on now canceled claim 8 which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner (see below). As such, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the indication by the Examiner that claims 4, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 43-45 have now been added which represent original dependent claims 4, 8 and 9 rewritten in independent form so as to include the features of the base claim and the intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 43-45 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims. Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

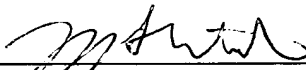
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